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McBRIDE GOVERNMENT STRONGLY DENOUNCED

Liberals Hear Rousing Speeches at Preliminary Meeting for Organization Purposes—Union in Ranks of Party.

The first meeting for organization purposes, under the auspices of the Liberal Association and the Young Liberal Club of this city, took place last evening in Pioneer hall. It proved a rousing success.

Long before 8 o'clock the members began to gather, until when the president of the association called the assembly to order the hall was well filled. Through largely for the purpose of doing the preliminary work necessary to the campaign, spirited addresses were delivered by the representatives of the city in the last legislature. A campaign committee, a committee to interview candidates, and one to arrange for halls and speakers during the campaign, were appointed.

Prior to this, however, a committee appointed at a session of the executive committee of the two bodies above named to secure central headquarters for the party during the campaign reported. Rooms in the Vernon block, Douglas street, had been chosen. They will be ready for occupation immediately.

The greatest enthusiasm was shown throughout the proceedings, the prospect of a sweeping victory in the province freely ventured and pledges of fealty to the Liberal party and principles of support proffered by all present.

Each and all of the former members declared their readiness to abide by the decision of the coming convention, and in the event of their being selected or not selected to bear the standard of the party to the polls, to give their undivided support and their best efforts to the cause of Liberalism and reform throughout the campaign.

The convention will be held probably about Wednesday of next week, following the reception of Messrs. Macdonald and McInnes.

The proceedings of the Liberal Association, R. B. McInnes, called the meeting to order. D. Leeming was nominated secretary and consented to act.

The assembly had been summoned, he announced, for the purpose of organizing the coming campaign. Disunion had been suggested suddenly upon them, but it had not come entirely as a surprise. They were ready and prepared for the struggle. But there were a number of things yet to do.

First and foremost it was necessary to work. It was necessary to show the people that the community was made up of workers. This was a duty. But Liberals were always workers. Mr. McInnes referred to the action of the joint executive of the Liberal organizations in appointing preliminary committees.

Messrs. Courtney and Fraser reported, as mentioned above, that rooms in the Vernon block had been secured as committee headquarters. The chairman then called for a few impromptu speeches. W. G. Cameron was the first.

"Having been returned as one of the four Liberal members at the last election," he remarked, "I have to thank you for the confidence you have entrusted in me. The government has seen fit to cut short the term of parliament ere the final session was begun. Well, I have endeavored to do my duty to you to the best of my ability. Although the Liberal representation was in a minority, I am confident that the cause of Liberalism has been materially advanced. The party is in the best position politically in which it has ever been. It was a new proposition, this of party lines, but now our time has come. We have a leader who possesses the confidence of the province. I see no reason why he should not be the next premier."

Continuing, the speaker said that as Victoria had elected a solid four at the last election, it must not fall short doing so again. He had no fear for the result. It was the duty of the city, though, to assist the Liberals in smaller constituencies. He would do his part. He was confident all would do theirs.

"Lastly, gentlemen," he said, "I am no longer a representative. I am but a member of your executive, one with you. Whether you see fit to nominate me, or not, to do so, I shall strive with all my might and main to elect your candidate. No matter who he may be, I pledge my heartiest support."

The chairman then called upon J. D. McInnes.

Mr. McInnes in rising thanked them now, at the end of his term, for having shown their confidence in him by electing him to represent them at the last election. He would not review the record of the Liberal members of the late parliament. It stood for itself. An opposition necessarily could do little positive.

"This," continued Mr. McInnes, "is particularly true of the Liberal delegation to the last legislature. It was to the character of the opposition we had to meet, that is, the policy of the government of the Hon. Richard McBride. Unlike other governments where sinner councils were evident, the McBride government even when it found itself in the wrong, would not take advice from the opposition. But it is now

in the power of the province to make a change. I am confident they will do so.

"Like Mr. Cameron, I am yours to command. No matter whom you may see fit to nominate, he will have my support. I am for Liberalism, not McInnes."

Continuing, the speaker referred to the report that there were several malcontents in the Liberal ranks. All present knew what was behind the action of these two or three. Their reasons did them little credit. But on the other hand, look at the host of Conservatives who were disgraced with the record of the government. The Liberals would gain many more supporters. They might lose one or two men whose support had been but lukewarm.

R. L. Drury was the next speaker. In a ringing arraignment of the government, Mr. Drury reviewed their record, enunciating the various "deals" in which they had been implicated.

The keynote of this campaign, said the platform of the government, he said, "is sounded in the Colonist of the last few issues—that in view of the unprecedented prosperity of the province, it would be a calamity to defeat the McBride government; that the McBride government had found the province debilitated and its credit impoverished and had restored stability and should receive the credit for it."

The province was prosperous, the speaker conceded. In many cases it was difficult to specify the cause of prosperity when it was seen to exist. In the present case of British Columbia this was not so. The cause was so apparent that he who runs may read.

British Columbia's prosperity arose from a variety of causes, first, the thriving state of the lumber industry.

Two years ago there were almost as many mills. They were shut up. Why? Because they had no market for their lumber. The change springs from the demand which exists for lumber in the Northwest provinces. This had been due to the influx of settlers attendant upon the progressive policy of the Dominion government with regard to immigration and to that government's action in building the Grand Trunk Pacific, undertaken despite the efforts of the party to which Premier McBride belonged to thwart it.

"For example," said Mr. Drury, "the mayor might as well ask for reelection because real estate in the city has boomed during his term of office."

The Conservatives, he continued, claim credit because of the province's financial condition and urge that the Hon. Mr. Tallow's ability as finance minister is responsible for this. What were the facts of the case?

When the McBride ministry came into power, there was a large overdraft. The treasury borrowed \$1,500,000 at ten years, giving a first mortgage on the revenue of the province for it. The opposition brought in a counter proposition, urging that on account of the unfavorable condition of the money markets of the world, resource should be had to a temporary loan of three years. In that time as Mr. Macdonald under construction, that at any time the financial tone and could borrow at 3 per cent. The result is that Victoria in floating her municipal debentures pays 1 per cent. The province pays 3.

In the train of the activity in the lumber trade came brisk demand for all sorts of raw material, for labor. Money was placed in circulation and the merchants prospered.

The Railway Question.

The speaker then referred to the railway question. Mr. McBride in his recent manifesto had said that "at the present time there is a greater reliance under construction than at any time in the history of the province since the building of the C. P. R." But the McBride government had not been responsible for this.

"Some weeks ago," said Mr. Drury, "the Colonist announced the H.V. line, the V. V. & E. were to build from Winnipeg to Victoria. Who is responsible for this?"

The V. V. & E. construction was only made possible through the efforts of the Hon. William Templeman, Senator Riley and the other Liberals at Ottawa. Turn up the files of the Colonist and see how that paper was grinding out editorials against the construction of that road while the Conservatives, Mr. McBride's fellow politicians, were working tooth and nail against it. The G. T. P. was constructed through the efforts of the Liberal party and in defiance of the Conservatives." (Applause.)

The speaker then dealt with mining conditions in the province. The premier promised special legislation when a delegation of mining men had laid their grievances before him. "Yes, yes," but he had never fulfilled it.

Mr. Drury in commenting on Premier McBride's claim that his government had brought stability to the country, asked if his government had been such a stable one. Twice during the past term it had been defeated on government measures in committee and had only escaped through the support of the Socialists. Twice it had adjourned in order that complete reports, once on the Kittimat land scandal, once on the Government House commission, should not be submitted.

"This," continued Mr. McInnes, "is particularly true of the Liberal delegation to the last legislature. It was to the character of the opposition we had to meet, that is, the policy of the government of the Hon. Richard McBride. Unlike other governments where sinner councils were evident, the McBride government even when it found itself in the wrong, would not take advice from the opposition. But it is now

In some details, the speaker referred to the numerous revelations of the government with iniquitous action in various land deals; the Kalen Island matter was reviewed at some length; the Kittimat land scandal was dealt with. In connection with the latter Mr. Drury referred to the famous despatch which bore the memorandum, "submitted to the Chief Commissioner and approved."

Victoria, especially, had no reason to be friendly to the McBride government. The time was urgent when it with the rest of the province should plainly show their opinion of that government's career.

Take, for instance, the government's action with regard to the university question. They were willing to hand the educational affairs of the province bodily over to a private institution, which had established a branch of McGill at Vancouver, when every consideration of climate, etc., pointed to Victoria as the natural location. Another interesting matter was then brought to light.

"When the B. C. Paint and Soap Company were almost about to move," he said, "it was necessary to get them the lease for a site. The board of trade recommended that the Dominion government should grant them a site on Songhees reserve. The city council backed up the proposition and representations were made to Ottawa with regard to the matter."

"The reply came that it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the province, as they possessed a reversionary right in the reserve. I as one of the city's representatives had to call upon Premier McBride.

"Oh, he was all smiles, our first visit," he said, "I promised to call a special meeting of the executive to deal with the matter. That meeting never took place. Several weeks later at a regular session it was again brought up. Mr. McBride asked the terms of the lease. I pointed out the necessity for instant action and that delay in waiting for details from Ottawa would be prejudicial. I showed him the map we had left with him three weeks before and asked him to endorse the project by motion or by a letter to the Dominion government, stating that he was in favor of the project, subject to his personal of the final draft."

"Noted to the issue," he became irritated and said "I want time to consider. I won't give an answer now. Besides," he said, "I don't forget that the four city members voted against the Songhees Reserve Act."

"Mr. McBride's conduct in referring to the vote of the four city members on this question was on a par with his utterances on the fish trap question at the last provincial election when speaking in New Westminster he told the electors there that he would continue to oppose with all his power the introduction of that measure. He did not forget that the fishermen on the Fraser river first elected Tom Gifford to the legislature."

"Surely the people had a right to expect more statesmanlike conduct from a man occupying the position of premier."

In conclusion the speaker said:

"I don't know what the issue of the convention may be, but I want you to consider that whether I am on the ticket or not, I shall be happy to do all in my power to secure the election of your candidate."

Richard Hall was the last speaker. He was certain that a great many Conservatives would vote face and vote Liberal at the approaching election.

"The country knows the reason for its prosperity and so do the citizens of Victoria. I don't think it is the increased taxation which is responsible, nor the throwing of responsibilities upon the municipalities, as in the case of the school question. The source of British Columbia's prosperity is the wise direction of the Laurier government."

The speaker stated that there were other ways of helping a province than by giving a foolish government money to squander. He also reviewed the situation in various communities and pronounced it most favorable.

With regard to the school act, the government had not only unjustly placed the burden of the support of the schools upon the municipalities, but betrayed the province with regard to higher education. They had placed the college in the hands of a private institution, thus depriving British Columbia of the hope of ever having a provincial university.

The speaker, after stating that the reluctance of good Conservatives to proffer themselves as candidates did not augur well for that party in the approaching contest, said:

"I also pledge my support, whether on the ticket or not, and promise that I shall do all in my power to elect your candidate."

After a word from Senator Riley, the work of organization was proceeded with. The campaign committee, it was decided, should consist of the executives of the Liberal Association and the Young Liberals Club, with two representatives from each of the subdivisions. Power was granted it to add to its number. W. E. Ditchburn was appointed chairman, T. W. Hicks, secretary.

The following were appointed a committee to interview prospective candidates: Captain J. G. Cox, R. B. McInnes, R. J. Fell, H. A. Munn and W. K. Houston.

The following compose the committee on halls and speakers: A. B. McNeil, Dr. Lewis Hall, Gordon Grant and H. A. Munn.

A meeting of the campaign committee will be held Friday, when a date which shall be after the reception to be tendered Messrs. Macdonald and McInnes, will be fixed upon for the convention.

The meeting then adjourned.

A meeting lives the shortest time of any fish when taken out of the water; carp and eels the greatest length of time.

DEATH ROLL MAY TOTAL FORTY-NINE

AS RESULT OF RAILWAY WRECK IN KANSAS

Boy Operator Who Is Blamed For Collision Will Testify at Coroner's Inquest.

(Associated Press.)

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 3.—It is impossible to say exactly how many people perished in the Rock Island railroad wreck at Alma, Kansas, yesterday, as a number of the victims were concealed by the wreckage of the smoking car. The conductor says there were 16 Mexicans on the train and it is feared that 44 of these were killed, together with four other passengers, all men, and a negro train porter, making the total dead 49.

A coroner's inquest will be held at Alma to-day when John Lynes, the boy telegraph operator who is blamed for the collision, will testify.

So far as known all the women on the train escaped death and none were even slightly injured.

W. E. Campbell, of Mitchellville, Ind., was dragged from the ruins still alive but soon died. Rescuers found an arm of a passenger who was wedged in the wreck and who was burned.

TROUBLE AMONG CONSERVATIVES

SPLIT IN THE RANKS IN TERMINAL CITY

Prominent Members of Party Pro- test Against the Methods Adopted in Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—Sir Herbert Tupper, Messrs. Cowan, J. R. Seymour and other prominent Conservatives last night held a meeting of protest against the working of the Conservative machine in Vancouver. Another meeting will be held on Friday night when, if the candidates selected this evening by the Conservative convention do not prove satisfactory, new ones will be placed in the field.

THE CONTEST FOR MAYORALTY

T. W. PATERSON'S FIRST MEETING TO-MORROW

Candidate Will Address Gathering in Spring Ridge—Executive Com- mittee Selected To-Day.

The executive committee in forward the candidature of T. W. Paterson for the mayoralty chair was chosen to-day. Among its members are many well known business men and prominent citizens of Victoria. The following are the names of those forming the committee: R. P. Ritchie, C. A. Holland, Richard Hall, Elliott S. Rowe, H. G. Wilson, W. A. Robertson, Fred Pauline, Ernest Temple, Geo. Morphy, C. Merkle, J. H. Lawson, Jr., J. W. Bolden, Rowland Macphail and Simon Leiser.

To-morrow night at the Odd Fellows hall, Spring Ridge, at 8 o'clock, a public meeting will be addressed by Mr. Paterson and other well known men. The municipal topics of the hour will be dealt with exhaustively, and the candidate for civic honors will outline his policy to the electors.

Yesterday afternoon a general meeting was held at the candidate's headquarters for the purposes of organization. There was a large attendance of prominent business men.

BLOCK SIGNALING.

Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company Series of "Surprise Tests" Gratifying Result.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 3.—The management of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad has just completed a remarkable demonstration. During 1906 the company made a series of "surprise tests," numbering 155, and the record shows that there was not a single failure to obey the signals and observe the rules governing block signaling. Surprise tests are made without previous knowledge of the engineer or crew and consist of every conceivable question which may arise in connection with block signaling.

MEXICO'S TRADE.

Agent Advises Canadian Manufacturers to Cultivate the Market.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Canada's commercial agent in Mexico, A. W. Donley, reports to the department of trade and commerce that 1906 was Mexico's best year both for exports and imports. There was an increase in the exports of \$31,000,000 and imports over \$21,000,000. The development of trade during the past 10 years has been something marvelous. About 85 per cent of the imports came from the United States and 85 per cent of the exports found a market in the United States. Germany is the only European country that seems to be making any headway in supplying the Mexican market. Britain has practically withdrawn from the field and in its place the Spaniards are now controlling the importing houses. Germany and France are willing to meet the views of the Mexican market, whereas the British manufacturer thinks he knows what is best for the Mexican. Mr. Donley wants the Canadian manufacturer to cultivate the Mexican market.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

MARKED PROSPERITY PROMISED THIS YEAR

Agents in the City Believe That There Will Be No Diminution in Demand.

The real estate market has not yet wholly recovered from the year-end lull. At the same time many agents report a large volume of inquiry. Throughout the holiday season some of the firms have remained open through-out the year, and they report that the stream of callers was almost continuous.

During the past few days the Dominion Real Estate Exchange Company has put through the sale of a residence on Port street. This passed to a local investor who gave for it the sum of \$18,000.

The firm has also sold two lots of the Fairview estate to a local man. The purchase money was \$500.

Several lots in the Tuline estate have passed to local investors through the hands of Swinerton & Oddy.

A new phase in the volume of inquiry is a very decided increase in the demand for timber lots.

Public interest seems of late to have waned round from acreage and building lots to house property. Indeed the volume of inquiry is just as great at present as during the week preceding Christmas. The agents say that there is no prospect of the supply failing to meet the demand, inasmuch as the listing of property continues to be as great as heretofore.

V. C. Maddock & Co., a Winnipeg real estate firm, intend to open up a branch office in Victoria. Mr. Maddock is at present in the city, and some time back the firm secured premises.

Reports are reaching Victoria daily relative to the large number of North-westerners who are expected to arrive any day after the end of this week. The demand for furnished houses has been so great that it is very difficult to obtain one at the present time. Many of the hotels report a large number of incoming strangers who will spend the winter here.

The advance guard of this influx has already reached the city. Men from Edmonton, Winnipeg, Regina, Medicine Hat, etc., are at present looking up acreage in Victoria, but the real estate agents do not wish the spheres of their inquiries to become prematurely known. Meantime the agents express great optimism as to the market during the present year.

Much Building in Progress.

W. Loney has secured the contract for the new place for the Roman Catholic archbishop. This will cost approximately \$12,000, and will consist of a handsome three storey brick and stone building with a slate roof, which will be erected on View street to the rear of the present residence.

Notre Dame will shortly commence work on a residence for His Honor Judge Lammiman. A site at Oak Bay has been chosen, and the cost of the new erection will be \$6,000.

Numerous other building arrangements are pending in the city, and architects are very busy at the present time. Hooper & Watkins are engaged to superintend a new wing to be added to St. Joseph hospital. This is an extensive addition in which will be forty-five private rooms and also spacious apartments for the nurses. The cost will exceed \$70,000.

The foundation of the new business building for Pither & Leiser have been laid. This is situated at the corner of First and Wharf streets, and when finished will cost \$45,000.

It is not yet known when the Merchants Bank of Canada will open a branch here. Just at present nothing definite is being done, and the Royal Bank of Canada continues to act as agents. The proposed new branch is as yet somewhat in the air as no site for building has been purchased nor even temporary premises rented.

Percy Brown, who has had a long experience on the real estate market in Victoria, speaking of the present situation and its outlook, said to a Times reporter that he believed the opening of the building season would involve a decided activity, that the next difficulty to be faced would be a scarcity of labor.

Continuing, Mr. Brown said that at the present time practically every place of business was occupied. He believed that by next summer there would

MACDONALD OPENS THE CAMPAIGN

Liberal Leader Re-nominated at Rossland—Dis- cussed the Issues and Fired Hot Shots at the Government.

(Special to the Times.)

Rossland, Jan. 3.—J. A. Macdonald fired the opening gun of the provincial campaign at a public meeting held last night. His deliverance followed his re-nomination as Liberal candidate for this riding. Mr. Macdonald leaves for Nelson to-day and will also visit the coast cities and various points throughout the interior. He received an enthusiastic reception.

The speaker appealed to organized labor and Liberals for support. Then he said he could have been tendered the nominations in Fernie and Cariboo and two or three other constituencies. However, it was his intention to "stand or fall" by the verdict of the electors of Rossland.

Mr. Macdonald devoted no little time to an indictment of the persistent reports that he was to be "supplanted" in the leadership by Mr. McInnes.

"The best answer I can give is that Mr. McInnes resigned the governorship of the Yukon and is coming to participate in the campaign at my request," he declared with warmth.

"Is it likely," he continued, after a pause, "that I would have asked him if I had suspected any rivalry or disloyalty on his part? I shall lead the party as long as it wants me, and I confidently expect to be next premier of British Columbia."

Then he proceeded to arraign the Canadian Pacific railway. The great issue of the campaign, he asserted, was whether the people of British Columbia were to rule or be the Canadian Pacific railway; to be permitted to choose what it wants out of the public domain. The company was reaching out to absorb the national heritage. Then he denounced the government for giving the railway 500,000 acres of public land, a measure which had become law by the votes of the Socialists in the House.

He many substantial business blocks. Not only this, but there also would be many residences put up as a result of the numerous purchases made in building sites throughout the city. He thought that the suburbs would be most likely to see the greater portion of the residential buildings.

The prospect pointed to the fact that it would not be long before the whole of the Saanich Peninsula was subdivided into small lots for the growing of fruit. This was coming about rapidly, and it would be soon found that it would not pay to devote large acreage to the raising of oats and other cereals. These farms would have to be subdivided on account of their increased value as fruit areas, and there would then be a vast population surrounding the city.

Other real estate men hold a very similar opinion to that of Mr. Brown. They say that investors who have bought lots in and about the city now refuse to sell these even at advanced prices. They have apparently purchased with a view to residing here, and it is likely that many of these will erect residences in the near future.

LIBERAL TICKET FOR VANCOUVER

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—W. W. B. McInnes led in the voting last night at the Liberal convention. The other candidates nominated were R. P. McInnes, Judge Hendegson, former Mayor Neelands and J. W. Farrar. The last mentioned specially as representative of the young Liberals. The meeting was large and enthusiastic. The names of A. Gilchrist, C. Tossell, A. H. Dutton and L. D. Taylor were submitted to the convention.

PERSIA'S CONSTITUTION.

(Associated Press.)

Teheran, Jan. 3.—The revised constitution, which was accepted by the national assembly on Tuesday, gives the assembly control of all financial matters. Matters pertaining to the administration of the provinces may be only discussed by the assembly. The assembly can only be dissolved by the minister and two thirds of the senate. The senate is composed of 30 and 30 appointed members.

TRACKS WASHED AWAY.

(Associated Press.)

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 3.—Heavy rains caused washouts practically on every division of both the Rock Island and Iron Mountain systems, and trains in all directions were delayed. Some passenger trains run in the city from Oklahoma and the West over the Rock Island railway are reported to be marooned between washouts somewhere near the state line. The Iron Mountain yards at Bald Knob are under water, and hundreds of small washouts are reported in all sections.

The C. P. R., he predicted, would be found lined up in the campaign in support of the McBride government.

Mr. Macdonald regarded it as significant that the labor element in Vancouver had decided not to run any candidates but to work in harmony with the Liberals.

He also criticized the government at length for its friendly attitude towards the C. P. R. with regard to taxation of the original land grant of 4,000,000 acres to the B. C. Southern railroad. It had been guilty of a gross breach of contract in not doing its duty, the revenue loss of the province in consequence during the past three years amounting to \$120,000, while in the same period the government had the temerity to increase the real and personal taxes 40 and 100 per cent, respectively.

Mr. Macdonald took credit for trying to make the government collect taxes amounting to \$100,000 by the C. P. R., but his efforts he said had been frustrated by the government majority aided by the Socialists.

After criticizing the government's railway record Mr. Macdonald dealt with the timber regulations of the government, holding that they were too lax in permitting speculators to acquire vast tracts. Then he referred to his efforts to amend the two per cent. tax by applying a tax to net profits and adding the cost of labor. Mr. Macdonald claimed to be the author of the government's "telephone pole policy," as their expedient now permitted.

Mr. Macdonald promised if returned to power to create a labor and immigration bureau especially charged with looking after the interests of working people.

In conclusion after discussing "better terms" and expounding Premier McBride for making it a party issue, Mr. Macdonald reverted to the two per cent. mineral tax and the increase in school taxation.

SPENT NIGHT IN PLUMBERS PASS

CHARMER TIED UP AT MAYNE ISLAND WHARF

Delayed by Blinding Snow Storm—
Steamer Did Not Arrive Until
This Morning.

The Steamer Charmer on her way from Vancouver last evening was delayed in consequence of a heavy snow storm which prevailed in the Gulf. The Charmer did not reach port as a result until 11 o'clock this morning. Captain McLeod, who is in command of the Charmer, explains that the trip across the Gulf to Plummer's Pass was made in a very heavy snow storm. When Plummer Pass was reached about 5:30 Captain McLeod felt that it would not be wise to proceed farther. He accordingly tied up at the Mayne Island wharf. Fourteen inches of snow had then fallen at Mayne Island. About midnight the weather improved somewhat but Captain McLeod deferred proceeding until daylight. The passengers were thus allowed to spend the night comfortably.

At daylight the Charmer set sail again for Victoria. "James Island," off Sidney, afforded a convenient shelter this morning to allow the passengers to get their breakfast, and the captain lay-to there while the morning meal was served.

The passengers thus reached port in good shape after a night spent alongside of Mayne Island wharf and a breakfast taken under normal conditions.

The delay gave rise last night to considerable anxiety among those who were expecting friends by her. During the night no communication could be established with the steamer, and it was not known where she was. Fears were allayed to a considerable extent by the fact that it has always been the rule of the Charmer's captain to seek shelter under the shadow of some of the islands along the route whenever conditions become dangerous. The waiting room on Belleville street was crowded last night until a late hour by persons expecting friends and those intending to proceed to Vancouver. This morning the Charmer was sighted off Sidney under shelter of James Island, and all fears were allayed.

The steamer Amur left this morning at 8 o'clock for Vancouver to take the Charmer's place on the run for today. The Amur will not reach the Terminal City until at least 2 o'clock this afternoon, and cannot be expected back to Victoria before a late hour to-night.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

French or German in five weeks has made a decided hit in Victoria. Prof. Matthews will give free lectures at the Y. M. C. A. next Friday and Saturday. This is an opportunity that no one should miss.

At the drill hall to-morrow at 8 p. m., there will be a meeting of the committees in charge of arrangements for the regimental smoker, which is to be held in the A. O. U. W. hall on the 19th instant.

Miss Helene How, F. T. C. M., assisted by Miss Mabel Irene Stevens, both of Ontario, will open a new musical school in this city. They will make their specialty instruction in the Leschetzky method.

Silence reigned supreme in the city police court this morning, and the week has passed, so far, without a single offender appearing in the dock. The clerk of the court, Mr. Keatinge, presented Magistrate Hall with white gloves yesterday.

The crash has come. After so much festivity, you need some good crash-tossing. We have Irish crash at St. Clare and Donegal at 10c, Mitchell, Sutherland and Kilrush at 12c, Glass, 10c up. All at crash prices. Robinson's.

The infant class and cradle roll of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas treat to-morrow from 3 to 6 o'clock. Santa Claus will pay a visit and gifts from the Christmas tree will be distributed. A programme of games is provided, and tea will be served.

Mrs. Andrew Blyth had the misfortune yesterday to lose her right arm. While walking along the street in front of the parliament buildings she slipped on the wet fallen snow, fracturing her arm. She is at her home making satisfactory progress, but will be incapacitated for her stenographic work for some weeks to come.

George H. Gobel, a national organizer of the Socialist party of the United States, will address a meeting of Socialists in the A. O. U. W. hall (upstairs), to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Gobel has traversed the North American continent in the interests of unionism and Socialism, and is greeted with large houses everywhere. Admission is free to this lecture.

The directors of the Victoria Brick & Lime Company held a meeting in the office of Clark & Bond, Trenchard alley, yesterday. The reports showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. One-half of the stock has been subscribed, and there are good prospects for a speedy disposal of the remainder. The machinery for the plant is now being ordered, and it is expected to arrive in February. Providing this arrangement is carried out the plant will be running in March.

The following officers were installed at last night's meeting of Court Victoria, A. O. F., by D. C. E. Bro. M. H. H. Bro. H. H. H. Bro. S. C. R. Bro. W. H. Crockett, S. W. Bro. Baker, treasurer, Bro. W. C. Kerr, secretary, Bro. Walter Noble, J. W. Bro. Muir, S. B. Bro. McCormick, J. P. Bro. D. Eaton. There were three applications for membership and two candidates initiated. The Christmas tree recently held by this lodge was reported a great success.

Another technicality has been discovered in the case against George D. Collins, who was extradited from Victoria to San Francisco on a charge of perjury. The original warrant of extradition, it seems, was destroyed by recent fire in San Francisco, and the only copy of it is held by Collins, who refused to surrender it. The San Francisco Chronicle states that this will seriously complicate matters, as the code of the state provides that the return to a writ of habeas corpus must have attached to it the warrant of extradition in cases involving extradition.

The steward of the Marine hospital, through the Times, desires to express on behalf of the patients, their thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen who remembered them at Christmas: The Daughters of Plymouth, large cake, fruit, chocolates, two flowering plants; Mrs. Hardie, decorations, flowers, books and visits during the year; L. H. Hardie, a turkey; Dr. Davis, box of cigars; R. Porter & Sons, turkey and goose; proprietors of Times and Colonist, year's subscription to their papers; Mr. Scott, of Hamilton Powder Works, the Illustrated London News for a year.

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VICTORIA DAILY WEATHER

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Highest Deg.
Lowest Deg.
Mean Deg.
Snow, 30 inch; sunshine, 2 hours; 6 minutes.

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Highest Deg.
Lowest Deg.
Mean Deg.
Rain and snow, 19 inch.

At 99 Quadra street last evening Dr. Campbell officiated at the marriage of Mr. Robert McDonald and Miss Marie Patra Larsen, both of this city.

This evening the regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Union will be held, when officers will be elected for the ensuing year and annual reports presented. A full attendance of members is requested.

After an extended visit to Rochester, Minnesota and Chicago, the city health officer, Dr. Herman Robertson, returned home yesterday. In the places referred to Dr. Robertson attended lectures and visited the operating rooms of the hospitals.

A variety concert will be held at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, on Saturday evening next under the auspices of the S. and S. Social Club. The programme will be rendered by The Esquimaux variety company, and the proceeds will be handed over to the home.

The Churchmen's Missionary Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 o'clock in the schoolroom of St. Mark's, Hollis street, on Wednesday evening. The subject for the evening is "The Melancholy Mission," and it will be introduced by an address by the Rev. C. E. Cooper, M. A. A cordial invitation is extended to all men.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

Nominations in Various Parts of the Province and Other Election News.

A special dispatch from Ottawa says that the resignation of W. W. B. McInnes as commissioner of the Yukon was accepted at a meeting of the cabinet at Ottawa yesterday.

It is further announced in the dispatch that Dr. King, of Cranbrook, who is at Ottawa on his honeymoon trip, will leave for British Columbia in a few days to take part in the election campaign. Dr. King is convinced that the Liberals will be successful at the polls.

Hon. F. J. Fulton has received the nomination of the Conservative party again at Kamloops.

The Liberals of Nelson at the convention held there last evening nominated Dr. G. A. B. Hall as the standard bearer. The doctor, who is a brother of Dr. Lewis Hall, of this city, was selected as the candidate some time ago. The convention last evening ratified the action of that time, recognizing him as a sure winner in the coming election.

The Conservatives of Nelson have named J. A. Kirkpatrick as their representative in the coming election.

The Nanaimo Conservatives will hold a convention on Saturday night to nominate a candidate. E. Quennell is prominently mentioned as the most likely to be selected.

TOWN STAGE.

Wedding Party Have an Unpleasant Experience at Westholme Yesterday.

An accident occurred at Westholme yesterday, which fortunately resulted in no serious injury to any of those concerned in it. The stage conveying about twelve of the guests at the wedding of Mr. Oscar Scholefield and Miss Lloyd was overturned in its way to the station. Several of those thrown off received sprains and other injuries. The most seriously hurt was Mrs. Innes, who is still suffering from the effects.

Archdeacon Scriven, Jesse Longfield, Basil Prior, Miss Scholefield and Mr. Clayton were all more or less hurt, but none of them had any bones fractured as a result of the exciting experience. The guests were being driven from Mr. Lloyd's residence to the station to take the train for Victoria. A heavy fall of snow caused the wheels to slide precipitating the whole party.

MANY CITIZENS CANNOT VOTE

COURT OF REVISION STRIKES OFF NAMES

New Municipal Election Act is the Cause of the Trouble—Provisions All Obscure.

The Court of Revision practically finished its work of revising the voters' list yesterday afternoon, after erasing nearly one hundred additional names from the roll. There is still a certain amount of work before the court, and another sitting will be held this week, probably to-day.

The result of the revision will mean that about two hundred and fifty electors will not visit the polls at the forthcoming election, and also that the returning officers will have additional work in keeping track of the votes registered. Most of the names have been struck off for technical offences, and this fact accounts for the fact that many prominent citizens have been deprived of their votes. Among the various reasons given for the erasure of names, may be mentioned failure to pay certain taxes before October 31st; false declaration caused by mistakes in the nature of taxes paid; neglect to pay certain taxes, and, in a few cases, wilful misstatements in declarations.

As an instance of the complicated nature of the work done by the court it is worthy of note that many women have been made false declarations. The Municipal Council, however, has decided to franchise to all women irrespective of all qualifications, except age, through some misunderstanding, was not drawn up so as to extend its benefits to women until a few days before the end of October. This meant that many women were required to show qualifications which the act abolished. Through a clerical error, the names of many who were literally entitled to vote.

The following communication from City Registrar Taylor, received by the court yesterday, explains several points which may not be very clear to the electors who have been rendered voters.

His Worship the Mayor, Victoria:
Sir, Re Court of Revision in reply to your verbal request for an opinion as to whether or not it is necessary that a person applying for the inclusion of his name in the voters' list, upon a householders' qualification, shall have paid only a rate of \$2, but also all municipal rates, taxes, rentals, assessments and license fees payable by him not chargeable.

I beg to say that in the act of 1897 (R. S. B. C. 1897), section 2, the term "householder" is defined as follows: "Householder shall extend to and include every person who holds any dwelling, messuage, dwelling or tenement, or any part of portion of a dwelling, dwelling or tenement within the municipality, and who is liable to pay a rental or rent value of not less than \$20 per annum."

Section 6 of the same act reads as follows: "After the first municipal election the following persons shall be entitled to vote at municipal elections in any ward in which they may be registered as rate payers, that is to say: Any male or female being a British subject of the full age of 21 years, who in city municipalities has paid on or before the first day of November, and in township or district municipalities on or before the first day of December, in the immediately prior year to the day of nomination, all municipal rates, taxes (exclusive of water rate or water rent) assessments and license fees (if any) payable by him or her to the municipality, or who shall have paid such rates, taxes, assessments and license fees before the holding of the Court of Revision hereinafter mentioned, and whose name shall be placed on the voters' list by such court." Sub-section (c) of "Who is a householder within the municipality."

It will be noted that the main purport of sub-section (c) seems to have been during the year in which the city before the effect of the other qualifying circumstances were to be considered. The form of declaration appended as a sub-section to the above section 6 required applicant to declare that he had paid all such imposts.

In 1902 an alteration was made (Cap. 29, Sec. 2, sub-section A) whereby it was declared later that "A householder who has paid on or before the 31st December of the year immediately prior to the day of nomination, all municipal rates, taxes, assessments, rentals and license fees (which are not chargeable on land) payable by him or her to the municipality, shall be entitled to have his or her name entered on the voters' list of the municipality, provided, however, he or she shall have during the year in which the city before made and caused to be delivered to the clerk of the municipality a statutory declaration in form and to the effect, following: "I have paid all municipal rates, taxes, rentals, assessments and license fees payable by me (which are not chargeable on land)."

One of the incidents of the form and effect of the declaration was that applicant had paid all municipal rates, taxes, assessments, rentals and license fees, etc. The change brought about in the act of 1897 by the act of 1902 so far as "householders" are concerned, seems to have been that the applicant was relieved of the necessity of payment of rent of 10 per annum on premises within the municipality, but the condition applicable to all voters still applied to a householder, namely, payment of all municipal rates.

taxes, assessments, rentals and license fees (not chargeable on land).
In 1906 another alteration was made with regard to the status of a householder whereby "householder" was defined as follows: "Householder" shall extend to and include every person who holds and occupies a dwelling, tenement, hotel or boarding house or any portion of a dwelling, tenement, hotel, or boarding house, or any portion of a dwelling, tenement, hotel or boarding house within the municipality, who has paid directly to the municipality, rates, taxes, or fees of not less than two dollars during the current year."

By this amendment it would appear that not only was occupation of a dwelling within the municipality necessary in order to qualify as a householder, but payment of an impost of not less than \$2 per current year. The form of declaration required was altered in each instance of the amendments referred to, that of 1907 required applicant to state that the dwelling occupied by him was situate in a certain ward of the municipality, and that the rent or rents or rent value or value thereof was not less than \$20 during the year. The declaration of 1902 required a statement to the effect that the dwelling occupied by applicant was within the municipality, but did not contain a statement either as to the rental value thereof or as to the payment of a rate aggregating any particular sum. The declaration of 1906 required, as in the others, that the dwelling occupied by applicant was within the municipality, but did not contain a statement either as to the rental value thereof or as to the payment of a rate aggregating any particular sum. The declaration of 1906 required, as in the others, that the dwelling occupied by applicant was within the municipality, but did not contain a statement either as to the rental value thereof or as to the payment of a rate aggregating any particular sum.

In 1906 the term "householder" was again defined, but the intention in the declaration was not material so far as the present question is concerned. It reads as follows: "Householder" shall mean and include any person of the full age of twenty-one years who occupies a dwelling, tenement, hotel or boarding house or any part of portion of a dwelling, tenement, hotel or boarding house, and who is liable to pay a rental or rent value of not less than \$2 for the current year."

The requirement of payment of \$2 was still preserved and no alteration was made in the form of declaration from the act of 1906. This form of declaration of 1906 required the defendant to state that he has paid all municipal rates, taxes, assessments, rentals and license fees payable by him (which are not chargeable on land) and also the amount of said rates. In view of the fact that the declaration of 1906 required the defendant to state that he has paid all municipal rates, taxes, assessments, rentals and license fees payable by him (which are not chargeable on land) and also the amount of said rates. In view of the fact that the declaration of 1906 required the defendant to state that he has paid all municipal rates, taxes, assessments, rentals and license fees payable by him (which are not chargeable on land) and also the amount of said rates.

Following is a complete list of the names struck off by the court: C. W. McDonald, Wm. Jos. Walker, Henry Haldrup, Arthur B. Hancock, Henry Haldrup, Henry Patterson, James Munro Miller, Wm. Appleby, Jno. Clegg, Albert Homess, Jno. Musgrave, Alex. Monteith, Jno. B. McCallum, Jno. A. Hiltet, P. A. Bennett, F. A. Woods, W. Alken H. Lumberton, F. G. Moody, Robert Philpott, J. J. Spalderson, Cecil C. Cookson, T. C. Fletcher, Edward G. Wickens, Jos. E. Sequin, Thos. L. Beaven, Geo. Martin, Archibald A. McKee, Edith Wallace, Butler, Jas. Butt, Fred H. Clendenning, Stanley P. Orton, Jno. Carttall, Jno. R. Williams, Thos. Tasmanson, Alfred Tripp, Jno. H. Austen, Phil. H. Smith, K. T. Hughes, A. Wistendale, Norman Hardie, W. C. Bryant, Jno. Young, Chas. Balch, H. Richardson, Thos. Anderson, E. Aubrey, Anthony Green, J. L. Young, W. McMillan, E. A. Ferguson, P. Oliff, R. E. Bittanport, E. R. Christian, Thos. Hutton, Wm. Jas. Cameron, Henry E. Wilson, Wm. Geo. Levy, H. W. Ellick, Jas. H. Hymore, Wm. Thompson, J. Siteman, E. S. Rowe, Chas. A. Schultze, A. W. Evans, Herbert Kingston, C. E. Kirk, C. H. Hall, Jno. Hult, P. R. Fleming, T. S. McLaughlin, R. W. Coulson, Jas. Patterson, Leslie S. Eaton, H. H. McDonald, W. Allen Bailey, H. M. Strachan, A. Newcombe, Jos. H. Cope, A. V. Van Allen, Geo. Skeene, John Hawley, H. J. Gibson, G. W. Euback, O. W. Brindley, Jas. Thompson, W. K. Winger, Alex. McLennan, Jas. Kennedy, Henry O'Connor, J. W. Garland, Robt. Mitchell, Geo. E. Moore, Harry Taylor, Albert Nelson, Daniel McNeill, A. W. McLean, Jos. Ramsay, Duncan Balcolm, Robt. Fenwick, J. H. Grant, Harold Earl, W. H. English, T. Campbell, Fred Wood, Wm. Dickenson, George Carter, Robt. Jamieson, G. W. Ambury, Jno. High-Johnstone, E. W. Stevenson, Samuel A. Baird, A. C. West, Wm. E. Devereux, Jos. Foster, Jno. A. Davies, B. H. Anderson, Jas. Hogg, Wm. Patterson, A. H. Bayntun, J. H. Gosnell, W. B. Shekspere, P. King, Percival G. Noot, Edwin R. Stephen, Wm. J. Rowe, Albert Belanger, Arthur Osborne, Wm. J. Bide, Sam H. Stanley, Geo. W. Allen, Louisa, Jno. Jas. Wood, Jno. Morgan, J. J. W. Hicks, F. A. Johns, Thos. C. Means, Chas. Robert Plais, Harry Pedy, Harvey Campbell, E. J. Wis, G. W. C. McKee, J. Patterson, E. A. Bates, C. H. Lugin, D. Campbell, A. M. Roberts, Mrs. A. M. Kito, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. J. C. Humphreys, J. C. Gallagher, F. I. Clarke, W. H. Coates, Mrs. Laura Scott, Mrs. Ely, Mrs. Annie Willis, Mrs. M. A. Morby, S. E. King, D. J. Mason, C. H. Markley, J. A. Teague, W. J. Kegwin, G. W. Robertson, R. H. Williams, Mrs. P. M. Dumbleton, Mrs. E. Strade, Rev. W. L. Clay, J. Jackson, R. J. But-

Victoria, Jan. 3.—A storm-arrived centered on the Washington coast and over the Great Lakes, with an extensive area of high pressure intervening. A strong southeasterly gale developed last night on the coast, and gusty rain squalls have been displayed this morning for a southeasterly gale on the Straits and outside waters. Heavy rain has fallen in the Pacific states and snow and sleet in this province. The weather in the northern districts and throughout the middle west provinces continues intensely cold.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 6 p.m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity—Fresh or strong southerly winds or gales, unsettled, with rain or snow.
Lower Mainland—Southerly winds, fresh or strong on the Straits, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.18; temperature, 39° minimum, 37° wind, 40 miles S.E.; rain, 3c; weather, rain.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.30; temperature, 32° minimum, 24° wind, 8 miles E.; sleet, 6c; weather, sleet.
Nanaimo—Wind, S.E.; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.18; temperature, 4° wind, N.W.; snow, 3c; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.30; temperature, 48° minimum, 48° wind, 8; rain, 2c; weather, cloudy.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 30° minimum, 18° wind, 10 miles N.E.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.22; temperature, 40° below; minimum, 2° below; wind, 4 miles N.E.; weather, fair.
Negotiations have been completed for the purchase by the Canadian Bank of Commerce of two lots on the southwest corner of Sanson and Sacramento streets in San Francisco. One lot with a frontage of 62.5 feet on Sanson street runs 75 feet along Sacramento street, meeting the other lot, which has a frontage of 47.9 on Sacramento street and a depth of 80 feet.

Latest Epigrams

Here are some epigrams culled from speeches delivered recently:
"Queen Victoria transformed Great Britain into a crowned republic, a nation which the will of the people is the supreme law."—Andrew Carnegie.
"Great poetry is the surest antidote to the prevailing virus of materialism."—Alfred Austin, the Poet Laureate.
"In dealing with education the first thing is to consider the children; the churches come afterward."—Austin Chamberlain.
"The bicycle nowadays is part of the necessary equipment of a lad."—County Court Judge Sir A. Marten.
"This is above all a reading age, but how many people read the Bible?"—The Bishop of Manchester.
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SPORTING NEWS.

TO MEET STANFORD.

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The players have been practicing regularly and are in good fettle, as they demonstrated in the game with Nanaimo last Saturday, by beating the team by 12 points to nil.

The team travels on the Princess Beatrice, leaving here on Saturday morning.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TO SEE ENGLISH GAME.

The Seattle Star says: "By defeating the Nanaimo Horrors the Victoria Rugby team demonstrated its right to travel in fast company, and when Seattle gets her turn of the English game next Saturday it will be in a grand exhibition."

"The game is being played to give the people of Seattle an opportunity of getting a line on the English sport. Officials of the High School and University will be invited to attend as guests of the management."

There is considerable discussion on the Coast at the present time as to the merits of Rugby as compared to the American game, and it is expected that there will be a big crowd present for the game on Saturday."

SEATTLE VICTORIOUS.

Seattle High School defeated Chicago North Division High school at Madison park, Seattle, on New Year's Day by a score of 11 points to 5. The game decided the inter-scholastic championship of America, and was witnessed by 6,000 people.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORY OF LADYSMITH.

In the first match of the intermediate series in the Vancouver Island League, Ladysmith defeated Victoria, West by 4 to 2. The match was played at Ladysmith on Tuesday, and the game throughout was very even, both teams being weak in the shooting circle. A return match will be played in Victoria on March 19th.

MATCH ON SATURDAY.

On Saturday at Oak Bay the Y. M. C. A. meets the Wanderers in the senior league. The Wanderers are the champions of the league, and the Y. M. C. A. is putting forth every effort to secure its best team for Saturday's game.

ROCKEY.

VANCOUVER TO VISIT.

The Vancouver ladies' hockey team will visit Victoria on the 19th inst. and play a match with the local aggregation. Arrangements are pending to hold a dance here to entertain the team from the Victoria City. This evening the Victoria club executive will meet and discuss all arrangements for the forthcoming match.

ATHLETICS.

TO RESUME WORK.

Gymnasium work will be resumed on Monday at the Y. M. C. A. The business men's class will meet at 8 p. m. and the senior class at 8 p. m. It is hoped that there will be full attendance at both classes.

Spanish lead mines produce 300,000 tons of lead ore yearly, worth about £1,200,000.

A RECORD

IN SPITE OF the snow, yesterday was a record-day with us, totally eclipsing all previous records. We intend to make this a record sale. Every day we will give you something to buy filling up the cavities made in our stock by yesterday's rush of business. To-day we are ready for you again and draw special attention to the following items:

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PRODUCTION OF B. C. LEAD MINES

MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN EQUIPMENT

Estimate Places Output at Figure Slightly Lower Than Last Year — Prices Were Good.

The following estimate of the production of the lead mines of British Columbia was prepared by G. O. Buchanan, president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia. The estimate of last year before the December returns were available placed the total at 28,636 tons. The actual figures when ascertained were 28,216 tons. Estimating again for December, the production of the present year is 26,517 tons, a falling off of (as compared with 1905) of 1,709 tons.

The London price on January 1st was £17.10. On different days in February, March, and April, it dipped slightly, but the bounty some £15.10, and since remained above that figure. On October 11th and again on December 18th it was at £20, and at the moment of writing is at £17.10.

For the three completed years of the lead-bounty period the bounties earned have been as follows:

Year ending June 30th, 1904, \$196,283.92; 1905, \$237,218.01; 1906, \$244,476.00.

The lapse of the bounty through excess of price above £16 has brought the home smelters into competition with foreign buyers, with the result that a small quantity of Ruth ore, and a considerable quantity of St. Eugene ore has gone abroad, mostly to Europe, but to some extent to the United States as well.

A partial explanation of this may also lie in the shutting off, for the months of October and November, of the coke supply, consequent upon the coal miners' strike.

The freight and treatment rates made by the Port and Nelson smelters, in the latter part of 1906, of \$12 for ore containing 50 per cent. lead, and not more than 10 per cent. zinc, with lower rates for ores of small lead contents, have been maintained, and in some cases improved upon, and it has been generally recognized by shippers, that these rates did not leave much to be complained of.

The works of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company at Trail have greatly expanded during the year.

The number of men employed averaged about 550. The tonnage treated in the copper furnaces has been 240,000 tons, in lead furnaces 17,000 tons, copper matte shipped 4,682 tons, ounces of gold 90,445, ounces of silver 1,401,385, pounds of copper 3,845,566, pounds of lead 21,274,025. Of this were refined at the works 10,258 tons lead, 10,402 ounces gold and 1,205,029 ounces silver.

Both the smelter and refinery were closed down for several months in the year on account of enlargements.

A process for the refining of gold and silver alloys, whereby the antimony by-product has been perfected by A. J. McNate, the assistant superintendent of the refinery.

Mr. Ingalls in the report of the zinc commission (page 67), mentions this process. It is expected that up to 500 pounds per day of antimony may be recovered, and this metal is worth at present 27 cents per pound.

The transportation and storage of hydro-fluo silicic acid having proven troublesome, a plant has been installed for its manufacture. In connection with this plant it may be noted, that

it calls for a considerable amount of fluorapatite, which is now imported, but which might probably be found at home. It is looked for by prospectors. In the meantime the new tariff puts fluorapatite on the free list. The lead furnaces have been reconstructed and enlarged, and the two furnaces have a capacity of 300 tons of lead ore per day.

A new sampling mill with a capacity of 200 tons per hour is under construction, and many other improvements made.

The works of the Hall M. & S. Co., Ltd., Nelson, have handled during the year 30,558 tons of ore, and have produced to date 6,121 tons of bullion.

The operation during the year has been greatly interrupted by the changes and additions to the plant that have been in hand, amounting almost to a reconstruction of the works.

These improvements have cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000. Owing to unavoidable interruptions, an accumulation of refractory ores, matte and by-products amounting in value to about \$500,000, has occurred, and the management are now engaged in cleaning up this stock, and in the meantime are temporarily restricting their sales of ores, to the classes that can be advantageously mixed.

From the bullion so far treated there has resulted: 166,075 ounces silver; 6,002 ounces gold; 5,572 tons lead. These works are now in good shape for handling during the coming year, a greatly increased tonnage.

The Canadian Metal Company under the management of Mr. Fernau, made the early months of the year, an attempt to start up the Pilot Bay smelter. The concentrating mill ran all winter, upon ore mostly from the Blue Bell mine, and two small new works were installed.

In the early spring operations were discontinued, and the concentrates were shipped to other smelters.

The zinc smelter of this company at Frank, has been in operation and has produced some 500 tons of zinc.

The development of the Blue Bell mine by this company, has, it is understood, resulted very satisfactorily, and large bodies of both lead and zinc ore are now reported in sight. S. S. Fowler for the company is manager.

Operations started on by A. D. Wheeler at the Kruo mine in the Alsea district, have developed considerable bodies of ore of shipping grade, and a streak of phenomenal value. Specimens of every grade, up to pure native silver, were produced in abundance, and shipping lots ran into the thousands of ounces.

The find attracted wide attention, and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, who were joint owners, sold the mine to a company organized in Butte, Montana, for \$100,000 in cash and the reservation of a substantial block of stock in the company.

The Spokane and Tripler, under the management of Mr. Harbath, has made considerable shipments during the year, and the United and No. 1 also appear in our list.

The Cork on the South Fork of Klamath river has been a good shipper. Mr. H. Geigerich and his associates have also during the year, re-established the Montezuma mill and tram, and are now active in development work, upon that property, and also upon the province.

The Waterbury and White water Deep mines, have been worked jointly, under leases held by J. L. Retalick, S. S. Fowler, and Mr. Koch. The results have been (it is understood) very satisfactory.

The long tunnel of the Rambler-Carlson mine, has been somewhat displaced, in July. The old workings above were full of water, which leaked into the tunnel, and it has been necessary to connect the two by an upraise which is now nearing completion. Ore of good grade has been met with, at all stages of the work, and those interested are optimistic.

The Last Chance Mining Co. underwent during the year, a process of reconstruction. Funds were provided for a comprehensive scheme of development, and the work (under the management of L. Pratt, Esq.) is proceeding with a satisfactory outlook.

The Ruth and the Reco have been substantial shippers of high grade ore, and the lessees of the Payne have made a good showing.

The Silver Star has not been a shipper, the management apparently preferring to await the result of the litigation, in which they are involved with the Star Mining & Smelting Company, represented by J. M. Harris. Additional demonstrative work is now proceeding under the supervision of W. E. Zwickley.

The Lone Bachelor, Monitor Ajax, Sovereign, Majestic, R. E. Lee, Silver Hunter, Queen-Dominion and American Boy, have also been moderate shippers.

From Siocan lake points, the Standard, Arlington, California, Wakened, Canadian Group, Mountain Boomer, Vancouver, Mercury and Bosun have contributed.

The La Plata mines on Kokanee creek, are as shippers, well to the top of the list. Their new concentrator is in complete running order, and heavy shipments are expected on the snow during the winter. The Alice (Creston) made a considerable showing in the first of the year, but has since been silent.

The St. Eugene has taken rank with any of the big silver-lead mines of the world. It is understood to have had a most prosperous year, and to be now in better shape than ever before. James Cronin retired from the management in the spring of 1906, and R. H. Stewart, M. E., is mine manager.

The St. Eugene is now a branch of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada.

Work by a company promoted by Mr. Chas. McKay, has begun on the margin of Moyie lake, with a view to the discovery of the St. Eugene ore body extension, which it is believed, may be followed under the lake. The town of Moyie upon a pay roll of \$40,000 per month is waxing fat.

The Sullivan mine and smelter have operated steadily throughout the year, and it is believed with favorable results.

The North Star mine encountered new troubles during the year, and has been in quantity of lead produced third on the list of shippers.

These mines, the Sullivan and the North Star, support the thriving towns of Marysville and Kimberley. The ter-

ritory lying up the St. Mary's river beyond them, has remarkable mineral showings, and is bound to attract attention.

The principal shippers from the Lar-deau country, Trout lake and Ferguson camps, have been the Silver Cup, and the Sunshine mines, the property of the Ferguson Mines Co., Ltd.

From Northeast Kootenay shipments have been made from the Paradise, Nettie M. and B. C. Athlamar mines, and by the Upper Columbia Transportation Company. The Arlington and Ymir mines and some smaller shippers from the line of the N. & F. S. railway (notably the Summit) have made substantial contributions to the total, and the copper-gold mines of the Boundary continue to afford some lead as a by-product.

The ruling of the secretary of the United States treasury imposing upon the total contents of certain zinc ores (formerly free) a duty of 20 per cent. ad valorem, has had the effect of shutting off almost entirely zinc shipments, taken to the United States treasury board, and there is some prospect that the area in question will be again placed on the free list.

The report of the commission appointed to investigate the zinc resources of British Columbia has been printed and distributed. Copies may be had by application to the minister of inland revenue, Ottawa.

The commissioners, W. R. Ingalls and Phillip Argall, estimate that from properties already developed, a tonnage of spelter amounting to 12,000 tons per annum may be economically produced.

The report deals at length with the problems of concentration, separation and enrichment of these ores necessary to bring them to smelting grade, also with the question of smelting, transportation and marketing.

It is thought possible that the Dominion government may be disposed to assist by way of bounty in putting this new industry upon its feet, and a deputa-tion is now at Ottawa urging this action.

COAL SCARCE.

Lighthouse Inspector Reports Distressing Conditions in Alaska Owing to Shortage.

Coal is almost worth its weight in gold along the Alaskan coast this winter, and whaling operations have practically been abandoned owing to the fuel shortage, according to Captain P. J. Werlich, light-house inspector for the United States, who has returned to Portland, Ore. from

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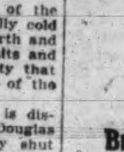
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STARTLING STATEMENTSketch Plans of the Addition to the
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Prepared.

That the vision of 18 per cent. of the scholars at the Boys' Central school is defective in both eyes and that of nearly twice as many defective in one eye, and they possessing sight which is only two-thirds normal, is the report of Principal Deane of the above mentioned school. Mr. Deane examined the boys, and although he did not try them with long-sight tests, he found visual defects to the extent quoted above.

This matter was brought up at the meeting of the school trustees yesterday afternoon by Trustee Dr. Hall, who, after reading the principal's report, made some strong remarks upon the existing conditions of affairs. "There are over 20 per cent. of the scholars, probably double that number, who are laboring under difficulties on account of their defective sight. They may be backward in their work on this account, and at any rate, they are handicapped. The figures supplied by Principal Deane are sufficiently startling to urge upon all the necessity for a proper systematic inspection and remedy. The only way this can be obtained is to impress upon the city council the urgent nature of our request, and to ask it to pay the city health officer to handle this work in the schools."

A chorus of assent greeted Dr. Hall's remarks, and the matter was referred to the incoming board to take action. Among the other important business before the board was a suggestion by Trustee Jay to the effect that P. M. Rattenbury be engaged to draw up sketch plans of an addition to the High school, an extension of that building being necessary. He said that the accommodation at the High school was nearly exhausted at the present time in spite of the establishment of six High school classes, and there was, outside of this, a general congestion in the way of school accommodation. The policy of the school board this year should be along the lines of increasing this accommodation. Schools were urgently needed in Victoria, West and North Ward, and the High school needed the addition of another wing. It had spoken to Mr. Rattenbury in regard to the matter, and the latter had offered to prepare sketch plans and an estimate for the use of the board. He had stipulated that, providing the trust-

tees did not decide to continue with the work, or if the by-law to raise the money did not pass, he would not charge for the plans. As there is only one month in the year, the end of January, when the board can ask the council to submit a by-law, he brought the matter before the board for its immediate consideration. He thought that an additional wing would improve the appearance of the building, and would also provide about eight very commodious classrooms.

Dr. Hall said that he objected to having the plans prepared by Mr. Rattenbury. The Hamilton structure known as the Victoria High school was a specimen of that gentleman's work, and he didn't want any more of his work on the school.

Several trustees expressed the opinion that the building was at least serviceable, and that Mr. Rattenbury having started the work should finish it.

A motion was carried to the effect that Mr. Rattenbury be asked to prepare the plans and estimates. The city council will be requested to submit a by-law to raise the money required for school improvements and additions. The board estimates the expense of erecting the additional wing at the High school to be \$20,000, and expects that \$200,000 will be required to furnish the necessary new schools to provide sufficient accommodation in the congested districts.

Trustee Jay, for the finance committee, reported that there was \$241.63 left over from last year, and that this sum had been conveyed to the city treasurer. His motion for the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Lewis: "That the secretary be instructed to draw the attention of the city council to section 42 of the Schools Act, and to advise the council that any unexpended balance remaining from or accruing from the government grant for the four mills rate levied by the council during the past year is available for the use of the board during the present year, and is not to be applied to any other purpose."

This was unanimously carried.

A letter was received from the janitor of the Central school saying that the work was beyond his powers at the present time. The board decided to let the building and grounds committee investigate and report on the matter. Miss Gibson's appointment to the teaching staff at the Boys' Central school was confirmed, and the matter of appointing a successor to Miss Claire McGregor, of the sub-High school staff, was referred to a committee, consisting of Trustee Jay and Supt. Eaton.

Another letter was received from J. Pearson in reference to his claim for witness fees in the recent drawing inquiry. It was referred to the board's legal adviser.

There were present at the meeting Trustee Huggitt, in the chair, and Trustees Jay, Lewis, Dr. Hall, McKeown, and Riddell.

After considering the salaries of teachers in committee, the board adjourned until next Wednesday evening.

J. Locke Muller, of Vancouver, spent New Year's day in Victoria, and was seen by the city health officer.

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliancy vanish like the bloom from a flower which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. Few young women appreciate the shock of the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

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Shipping

Throughout the early hours of this morning a gale swept through the Straits of Georgia. As a consequence shipping was tied up on every hand and many vessels were unable to leave port.

Between 3 and 5 o'clock in the morning the storm reached its height. A south-east wind was blowing and the fitful gusts between the gale hours attained a velocity of from 30 to 40 miles an hour. Up to the time of going to press no wrecks have been reported as a result of this morning's bad weather.

FUEL SHORTAGE.

"More serious and far-reaching than ever is the recent development of the coal shortage situation, inasmuch as foreign consignees, shippers and owners of vessels are now feeling the effect," says the Seattle Times. "Coalwise consignees and shippers are also affected along the California coast and are beginning to become impatient with Seattle owing to the experience here by vessels in obtaining a supply of fuel. With a half dozen sea-going tugboats in port and many vessels on Puget Sound waiting to be loaded to sea, sailing vessels cannot be accommodated simply because fuel cannot be secured to operate the tugboats. Other large sailing vessels are waiting to be shifted from one port to another, but cannot. In view of the findings of Governor Mead's coal commission, the dealers in this city do not feel further called upon to explain the reasons for the present shortage of coal. Practically the only explanation that they vouchsafe is the fact that the holiday season has curtailed the output of the mines and that the extreme cold weather has caused an unprecedented demand for whatever fuel is on hand."

"The Seattle Times" also states that the M. S. Dollar, Gymeric and Hercules, all lying at Comox awaiting a supply of bunker coal. The cessation of work in the mines of the Wellington Colliery Company during the holiday season has curtailed the output of the mines and that the extreme cold weather has caused an unprecedented demand for whatever fuel is on hand.

The charter of the Oriental liners, Ptolemy, Hyades and Lyra, the largest carriers ever obtained for the Alaska trade, no doubt will revolutionize the Alaska business during the open season of the summer months.

Hamilton, at the request of Schuchman & Hamilton, announced this morning that his concern had chartered the three ships and that they would be withdrawn from the run to Japan and the Philippines in May.

The Lyra, Hyades and Ptolemy have been obtained on long-time charters and will be in the Nome trade for a number of years to come. In the closed season the vessels will enter the coastwise trade as well as be available for off-shore charters. It is expected that all three vessels will leave for the north early in June.

They are modern steamships and are well adapted for carrying cargoes of every description, especially perishables, since the boats are well ventilated. As soon as the three vessels are withdrawn from the Oriental trade the Chinese crews will be replaced by white men.

The Lyra, Hyades and Ptolemy are owned by the Boston-based company of Boston and have been operated on the Oriental run in connection with the Boston Steamship Company's big liners Shawmut and Tremont. The Lyra made a trip to Nome last year, and the crews of her size have never been regular in the northern trade.

The charter of the big ships will give the merchants of Nome the best service ever offered on the Nome route since the camp was discovered. The Northwestern Steamship Company plans to operate out of Nome, and indications are that more freight will be shipped to Nome during the coming summer months than ever before in the history of the camp.

MASTERS LEAVE STEAMERS.

The masters and pilots on the steamers of the Alaskan Steamship Company, says the Seattle Star, and the Alaskan western Steamship Company, were called out Tuesday. The two above companies refused point blank to abide by the new wage scale which was to go into effect Tuesday, particularly the clause which requires pay for overtime.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company is awaiting word from the head office at San Francisco before any action is taken by that company. The Masters' and Pilots' Association has called the men from that company's boat awaiting advice.

Capt. Kinney, of the association, stated this morning that he believed the two companies would come into line after figuring out the demands asked which were most reasonable.

FOR STRANDED VESSELS.

One of the most powerful tugs of the Liverpool Mersey fleet named the William Joffre, has been acquired by the B. C. Salvage Company. In between eighty or ninety days she will arrive here for service on the coast.

Up to the present the steamer Salvor has been used for towing off stranded vessels. It has been thought, however, that a powerful tug would accomplish the work better and the present acquisition is the result.

The tug is a vessel of 32 tons; 100 feet long, 22 feet beam, and 7 feet deep. She was built in 1885 by J. Readhead of South Shields, for W. and T. Joffe, of Liverpool, the well known tug owners, who operate ten tugs on the Mersey. The two cylinders are 60 and 30 inches diameter, and the machine develops 154 nominal horse power. The vessel is extra strong, having been built in excess of Lloyd's requirements.

MENACE TO NAVIGATION.

The American brig W. G. Irwin, loaded with lime from Roche Harbor for San Francisco, reports sighting the abandoned barque Sea Witch, about 20 miles off Cape Flattery. The barque was holed and had a strong south-east wind behind her. All of her rigging was standing and the top sails set. She has a slight list to starboard but otherwise appeared to be in good condition.

MARINE NOTES.

At 10 a.m. yesterday the Empress of Britain was reported 170 miles east of Cape Race.

Steamer Lake Champion sailed from Liverpool yesterday at 4 p.m.

Laden with wheat from Tacoma to Cape Verde, the steamer Imogen passed on her way to sea yesterday after taking on bunker coal at Comox.

Comox to bunkers, on her way to take on bunker coal, passed up yesterday. She comes from Tacoma loaded with wheat for Shanghai.

On her way to Nanaimo to take on coal, the steamer Telus, from San Francisco, passed in yesterday.

Paper money was first issued by John LAW. By 1719 179 millions was about.

THE CITY MARKET

The city markets have been somewhat upset during the holiday season. The conditions prevailing for the past two weeks are not to be regarded as normal. Prices in various lines have soared higher than usual. The close of the holiday trade will be followed by a return to stable conditions. The local dealers report that there is a noticeable scarcity of apples to be found on the market. They report that the receipts are smaller than in former years. This is due to the fact that in many of the districts there was a somewhat lighter crop last season than characterized the previous year. It is also due to the large shipments of fruit to the prairie provinces this fall as a result of the ever increasing demand in that quarter. It is reported further that there is little hope of any shipments of apples being received this winter from the Okanagan. There is a greater scarcity said to exist there than in the case in this city.

The local prices prevailing are as follows:

Cabbage, per lb.	1000
Potatoes (Island), 100 lbs.	1000
Potatoes, 12 lbs. for	1000
Onions, 4 lbs. for	1000
Turnips, per lb.	1000
Cucumbers, per lb.	1000
Watercress, per lb.	1000
Tomatoes, per lb.	1000
Meats—	
Bacon (American), per lb.	200
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	200
Shoulders, per lb.	200
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	200
Beef, per lb.	100
Mutton, per lb.	100
Lamb, hindquarter, per lb.	100
Lamb, forequarter, per lb.	100
Veal, per lb.	100
Fish—	
Salmon, per lb.	100
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	100
Halibut, per lb.	100
Halibut (smoked), per lb.	100
Codfish, per lb.	100
Herrings, per lb.	100
Rock Cod, per lb.	100
Bass, per lb.	100
Blotlers, per lb.	100
Haddock, per lb.	100
Cocoanuts, each	100
Apples, per lb.	1000
Oranges, per lb.	1000
Valencia Almonds (shell), per lb.	100
Valencia Almonds (unshelled), per lb.	100
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	100
Paraffin, per lb.	100
Fresh Island Eggs, per lb.	100
Butter (Canadian Creamery), per lb.	100
Butter (Victoria Creamery), per lb.	100
Butter (Chilliwack Creamery), per lb.	100
Cheese (Cheddar), per lb.	100
Lard, per lb.	100
Hungarian Flour, per sack	100
Wheat, per sack	100
Oatmeal, per sack	100
Oatmeal (Royal Household), per sack	100
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Lake of Woods, per sack	100
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Okanagan, per lb.	100
Calgary Hungarian, per lb.	100
Excelsior, per sack	100
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Oak Lake, per sack	100
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Hudson's Bay, per sack	100
Enderby, per sack	100
Pastry Flour, per sack	100
Snowflake, per sack	100
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	100
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	100
O. K. Four Star, per sack	100
O. K. Four Star, per sack	100
Drifted Snow, per sack	100
Three Star, per sack	100
Hungary, per sack	100
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Wheat, per ton	100
Oats, per ton	100
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	100
Rolls Oats (B. & K.), per 10 lbs.	100
Feed—	
Hay (bale), per ton	100
Straw, per bale	100
Middlings, per ton	100
Brass, per ton	100
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	100
Poultry—	
Spring Poultry, per lb.	100
Ducks, per lb.	100
Turkey (Island), per lb.	100
Coal Oil—	
Kerosene, per gallon	100

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